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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
: Examiner: Barry Choobin  
IVAN BOJER, et al. )  
: Group Art Unit: 2625  
Application No.: 10/051,038 )  
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Filed: January 22, 2002 )  
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For: RADIOGRAPHIC IMAGE )  
COMPOSITION AND USE : February 25, 2005

Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated January 26, 2005,  
Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute the Group I claims, namely Claims 1 to 17. The  
Requirement to Restrict is, however, traversed.

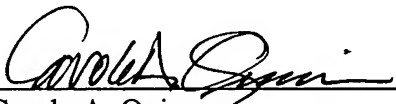
Traversal is on the ground that there would not be undue burden in  
examining the two groups of claims in a single application. In particular, MPEP § 808  
makes clear that in order to require restriction between independent or distinct inventions,  
reasons for insisting upon a restriction requirement, such as undue burden, must also be  
shown.

In the present instance, it is not believed that there would be undue burden  
in examining the two groups of claims in a single application, since the groups of claims  
are not so different as would require burden on the Examiner that is significantly beyond

that of the normal burdens of examination. More particularly, the first group of claims are directed to forming a blended composite radiographic image, and the second group of claims are directed to using the blended composite radiographic image. The method of using the blended composite radiographic image recited in Claim 18, from Group II, includes the same blending method recited in Claim 12, of Group I. In addition, Claims 7 to 11, from Group I, recite subject matter similar to that recited in Claims 18 to 22. Accordingly, examination of the Group II claims together with the Group I claims is not seen to present a burden beyond the normal burdens associated with examination of the elected Group I claims. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement are respectfully requested.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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